

IN RECOGNITION OF Law Day 2002.

WHEREAS, Law Day began 44 years ago, with a proclamation from President Eisenhower. That first proclamation eloquently set forth the reasons why we, as a free people, celebrate our heritage of liberty under law; and

WHEREAS, we dedicate ourselves, in celebrating Law Day this year, to the great values protected and preserved in our Constitution; and

WHEREAS, at the same time, we recognize that democracy is not static, that we must always work to improve and perfect it. Let us seek to draw ever closer to the ideal cut in stone over the entrance to the United States Supreme Court: "Equal Justice Under Law"; and

WHEREAS, we resolve that Law Day be an opportunity for all of us, in government and the private sector, to examine our efforts to make equal justice a reality, and to work together to reach that goal.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bob Young, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2002 as "Law Day" and urge all citizens to recognize the commitment of the legal profession to provide accessible and equal justice.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have unto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia to be affixed this sixteenth day of April, 2002.